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Yambol Airfield

- 6 1. By the end of August 1952, all Bulgarian aircorps units stationed at Yambol Airfield had left. The largest portion had transferred to other airfields. A few were transferred to Okop Airfield.
2. In April 1952, an unidentified number of Soviet airmen, both in uniform and civilian clothes, settled at hotels and private homes at Yambol.
3. In late April, it was reported that 80-100 Soviet planes, a few of them twin engine with Soviet crews, stopped at Yambol Airfield.
4. A few nights during April, the landing runway of the airfield was illuminated with electric lights and searchlights.
5. [redacted] since April there were Soviet airplanes and units at Yambol and night maneuvers occurred.

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Bezmer Airfield

6. At the end of April, an unidentified number of Soviet MIG-15 planes were based at the Bezmer Airfield.
- 6 7. [redacted], the Bezmer Airfield has been entirely taken over by the Soviets.
8. Several 37 mm. antiaircraft artillery guns were observed at the eastern end of the airfield, and an unidentified number of camouflaged antiaircraft artillery guns with a greater range, were observed at the northern side.
- 6 9. In April, the 6 Bulgarian aircorps RAMK was at the Gorna Oryakhovitsa Airfield.

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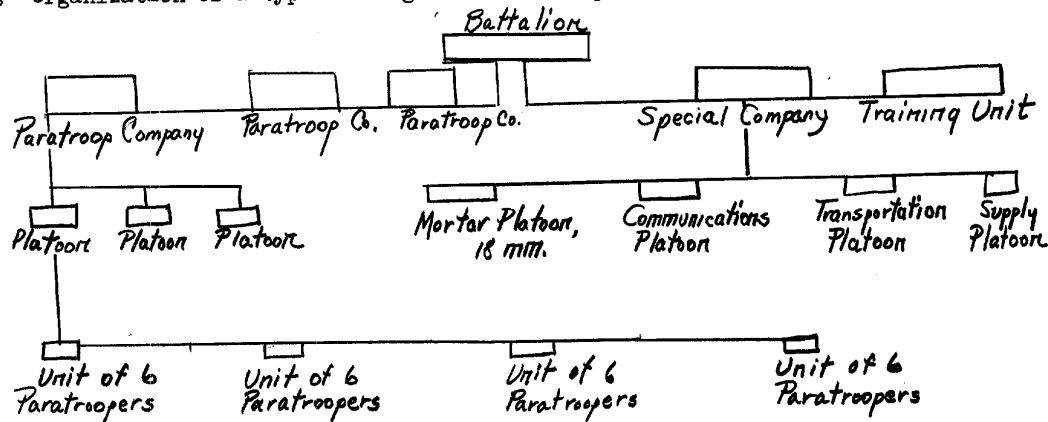
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Organization of Paratroop Battalion

- 6 10. The strength of a typical Bulgarian Paratroop Battalion is as follows:
- Two-three paratroop companies;
 - One special company; and
 - One training section.
- 6 11. A noncommissioned officer is usually commander of one or two sections. The sections of a paratroop company are armed with machine guns, parabelum automatics, hand grenades, knives and binoculars.
- 6 12. As a rule, the training period for a paratroop section lasts three months.
13. Organization of a typical Bulgarian Paratroop Battalion is as follows:



Regular strength of a paratroop company - approximately 150 men.

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